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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Elisabeth PICARD-LESBOUEYRIES : EXAMINER: R. Bennett
SERIAL NO: 09/933,742 :
FILED: AUGUST 22, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1615
FOR: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A
SAPOGENIN AND A XANTHINE
AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composition which comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium:

al (A) at least one sapogenin selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin, a natural extract containing diosgenin, a natural extract containing hecogenin, a derivative of diosgenin, a derivative of hecogenin, and mixtures thereof; and